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CUBAN TALKS GAIN, DONOVAN DECLARES

Negotiations with the Castro regime concerning Cubans imprisoned in the 1961 invasion attempt are "proceeding favorably," James B. Donovan said yesterday following his return from Havana, where he saw Premier Fidel Castro.

Mr. Donovan, the Brooklyn lawyer who negotiated with the Soviet Union for the exchange of Francis Gary Powers, U-2 pilot, and Col. Rudolf W. Abel, Soviet spy, said he was here for consultation with his client, the Cuban Families Committee for Liberation of Prisoners of War.

He declared that the Cuban exiles held divergent views on many questions connected with the effort to obtain release of the 1,113 prisoners. He said he would go back "just as soon as it will be fruitful." He noted that two committee members who had accompanied him to Havana were waiting there.

Mr. Donovan stressed that the committee's effort was "a private humanitarian endeavor," although the United States Government had expressed "sympathy" with its purpose.